

St. Michael's Preschool Newsletter

November 2018

Upcoming Events

Chapel

Every Wednesday
9:30am- Frog, Monkey and Elephant
class
10:00-Owl and Butterfly Class.

Parents are always welcome to attend.

Nov 1st

See's Candy Fundraiser Begins

Nov 12

Closed for Veteran's Day

Nov 22 and 23

Closed for Thanksgiving

Looking forward to next
month

Dec 14

Christmas Program

Dec 19

Baby Jesus' Birthday Party

Dec 24-Jan 1

Closed for Christmas Break

Reopen on Jan 2nd, 2019

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Director's News

Dear Families,

This time of year is so much fun! Halloween was a blast, the costumes were great, the festival was a hit, and being Wonder Woman for the day was my dream come true! This month we are ready to remember why and what we are thankful for, and here at St. Michael's we are thankful for YOU!

See's Candy Fundraiser starts today! Check your parent cubby for order form and instructions. This is the one fund raiser we do all year, and See's is so yummy it's pretty easy to sell. They are excellent about getting the product to us in a timely manner so don't worry that you won't get it in time for the holidays! Thank you for your support!

I think I forgot to post this, but I was waiting for the ok from Alicia! Baby Madison arrived on 10/10 weighing in at 8lbs, 7 oz. She has a head full of dark hair and has the cutest cheeks ever. Alicia promises to stop in soon, and will be back to work before you know it.

Thank you to all who attended both the Smith Family Farm field trip and those who made it to our dedication of the building! We have such great family support. The field trip was so much fun, it's always the best time! And I have to say that I believe that both Gordon and Dorothy were not only surprised by the celebration, but by all the current and former families that attended. So much fun.

Lots to note this month. We are closed on Nov 12th in observance of Veteran's Day as well on Nov 22 and 23 for Thanksgiving. We also will start practicing our songs for the Christmas Program next month, mark your calendars for Dec 14th at 6:30. It was packed last year, I have a feeling it will be this year too!

With this warm weather I can hardly believe that I'm wishing you a thankful Thanksgiving. Here's to celebrating with family and friends and all that we are thankful for.

Until next month,

Ms. Colleen



Pre-K Frogs News

Hello Frog Families,

October turned out to be a really fun filled month! It included many crafts and a couple of science activities. The kids really enjoyed making ghosts, Frankenstein's, a fall tree, turning themselves into a mummy, painting with Indian corn, and lastly, our pumpkin volcano.

We will start our Tandem Program on Nov 1st. We will also continue our workbooks, number books and of course, just practicing writing. This month, we are going to be talking about why and what we are thankful for because we sure have a lot to be thankful for. Just wanted to thank you for all of my birthday wishes and making the day very special!

Looking forward to next month, It's promising to be a very magical one!

Love Always,
Ms. Diana



Pre-K Monkey News

Hello Monkey Families,

October was a fun and busy month with the field trip and the Halloween parade. They loved getting all messy when we carved our pumpkin and getting all the seeds out. We also made a volcano with a pumpkin and did some math with Candy corn.

This month I want to start by wishing Darcy a Happy Birthday. I also want to say what a great job Dallas has been doing writing his name. We have been working hard learning to write our names. If you need any ideas for working with your child at home please let me know.

During the month of November, we will start the Tandem book bags, they will be send home on Wednesdays and will need to be returned on Mondays. We will also continue working in our workbooks, number books, and practicing writing our names. We will be talking about our families, homes and everything we are thankful for.

Love, Ms. Misti



Elephant Class News

Hello Everyone!

Welcome to November! Hard to believe that our year is soon coming to an end, we finished up our October fun with lots of cool crafts and activities. We had so much fun in October starting with our field trip to the Pumpkin Patch, it was so great to see the kids having fun picking out their pumpkins and enjoying the barnyard fun. In class we learned about harvest and Halloween fun. The kids loved seeing our dramatic play area turn into a classroom pumpkin patch. They pretended to buy corn, pumpkins, and sunflowers. We painted pumpkins, glittered spiders, decorated witch's hats and made Halloween trail mix. We ended our fun with our Halloween parade, it was fun to see the kids dress up and have tons of fun.

In November we will start the month by talking about our families and homes, we will talk about different types of families we see in our community and even in our own homes. We will also be talking about Thanksgiving, why it is a special holiday and how we celebrate.

Please remember to always take a peek at our class curriculum to see what crafts we'll be doing for the day. I would like to give a big thanks to those who helped with our class wish list! I was able to use so much of it during October for our crafts and was able to get things for our holiday crafts to come. It's such a big help for our classroom. I am thankful and blessed to have such a great group of kids and families in my class!

Love,

Ms. Miriam

Butterfly Class News



Happy Fall Butterfly Families!

Welcome Wyatt to the Butterfly Class! We want to say thank you to all the parents who signed up on our wish list, we really appreciate it.

Last month we still worked on our routines and self- help skills. One of those skills we have been working on is pulling up our pants. Even if they are in diapers, they can work on mastering pulling up their pants, one step closer to potty training! We are also learning to put on our own shoes, having Velcro or slip ons really helps with this skill.

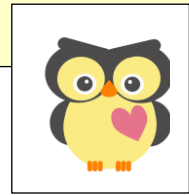
In a few weeks we will have a goal sheet for our Butterflies. These goals are so we can partner with you and your child. We will just have a few goals initially and then re-evaluate after a few weeks. There will also be a section for you to comment.

This month we have a lot of gross motor skills planned. One of the favorites is bean bag throwing and a new one is following the tape path. We will also be doing yoga with Ms. Shonece. We also have some fun Thanksgiving activities planned such as pumpkin pie tasting and decorating with feathers.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday,

Love, Ms. Kittie and Ms. Shonece

Owl Class News



Dear Owl Families,

November is here and so is the fall weather. The Owls had a great month of October with all of our pumpkin activities, cooking projects and our field trip. I hope you all had as much fun as I did! As this month comes to an end, I would like to say how proud I am of our class for their everyday participation in the classroom, such: circle time, our daily stretching and all of the fun activities we do together.

This past month was all about pumpkins and of course Halloween! Most of our art activities were focused on the Owls developing their fine motor skills. We worked on rolling and pinching clay, painting and cutting. These are all skills that I would like to continue applying in the classroom.

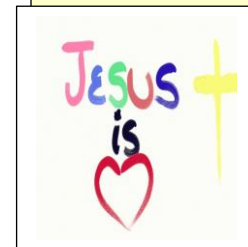
With November here, our sunny days come to an end. I do have several outdoor activities planned for us to enjoy the changes of nature. This allows the Owls to go on a nature hunt and paint with fall colors. Also, this month the Owls will be learning about giving thanks and talking about what they are thankful for. This is something you can talk about home! I look forward to another great month and remember that every day is a day to be thankful for. I hope you all have a blessed Thanksgiving!

Love,
Ms. Jessy

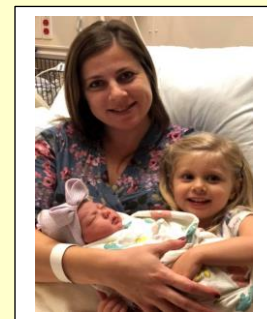
Chapel Topics

Chapel is at 9:30 for Frogs, Monkeys and Elephants and 10:00 for Owls and Butterflies. Parents are welcome anytime!

Nov 7	<i>Let My People Go!</i>	<i>(Exodus 3)</i>
Nov 14	<i>The Plagues and Release of the People by Pharaoh</i>	<i>(Genesis 7-12)</i>
Nov 21	<i>Thanksgiving-Why are We Thankful</i>	
Nov 28	<i>The Ten Commandments</i>	<i>(Exodus 19-23)</i>



This holiday season we will again participate in the Holiday Giving Tree. Every year we get “wishes” from the homeless youth program within the Mt. Diablo Unified School District. Later this month we will put up our tree with the wishes of local youth in need. I know this truly makes a difference for so many children who do without. Thank you for all our generous families. You make a difference!



Alicia, Kendall and baby Maddie!
Let the fun begin!

November Lunch Menu



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Chili Wheat Bread Applesauce Milk	2 Chicken Nuggets Broccoli and Cauliflower Pears Milk	
	5 Taco Salad with Meat and Cheese Cornbread Applesauce Milk	6 Teriyaki Chicken and Rice Green Beans Mixed Fruit Milk	7 Tuna Sandwich on Wheat Bread Veg Sticks Pineapple Milk	8 Mac and Cheese Mixed Veg Peaches Milk	9 Bean and Cheese Burrito Salad Mandarins Milk	
	12 Closed for Veteran's Day 	13 Chili Mac Green Beans Peaches Milk	14 Spanish Rice with Meat and Cheese Corn Pineapple Milk	15 Bow Tie Pasta with Meat Sauce Salad Pears Milk	16 Cheese Zombies Peas Applesauce Milk	
	19 Chicken Alfredo Pasta Cauliflower Mixed Fruit Milk	20 Pizza Rounds Veg Sticks Mandarins Milk	21 Turkey Mashed Potato Rolls Applesauce Milk	22 23 Happy Thanksgiving! We are closed for the holiday! 		
	26 Penne Pasta with Meat Sauce Peas Pineapple Milk	27 Taco Rice Corn Mixed Fruit Milk	28 Egg Salad Sandwich Veg Sticks Fresh Pears Milk	29 Enchilada Casserole Mixed Veggies Applesauce Milk	30 Chili Wheat Bread Peaches Milk	

November Snack Menu



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Oatmeal and Milk Egg Salad with Wheat Crackers	2 Whole Grain Bagels with Pears Yogurt and Fresh Fruit	
	5 Apple Cinnamon Pancakes with Milk Belvita Bars and Soy Butter	6 Egg Cups and Potatoes Pigs in a Blanket	7 Biscuits with Jelly and Apples Refried Beans and Cheese with Corn Chips	8 Cinnamon Toast and Applesauce Wheat Thins with Cheddar Cheese and Ham	9 Cheerios with Bananas and Milk Muffins and Fresh Pears	
	12 Closed for Veteran's Day	13 Toasted English Muffins with Jam and Pears Veg Sticks WG Ritz	14 Waffles and Milk String Cheese and Apples	15 WG Bagels with Cream Cheese and Oranges Yogurt and Fresh Fruit	16 Scrambled Eggs and Orange Juice Nilla Wafers and Bananas	
	19 Oatmeal and Apples WG Ritz with Cheddar and Turkey	20 Cinnamon Toast and Applesauce WG Hummus Wrap with Peppers	21 Blueberry Muffins and Milk Egg Salad with Wheat Crackers	22	23	
	26 WG Bagels with Cream Cheese and Orange Juice Tuna Salad with Wheat Crackers	27 Pancakes and Milk Yogurt with Strawberries and Blueberries	28 Life Cereal and Milk Granola Bars and Apples	29 Egg Cups with Potatoes Refried Beans and Cheese with Corn Chips	30 Biscuits with Jelly and Pears Veggie Sticks Hard Boiled Eggs	

Happy Thanksgiving
See you Monday!